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SUBJ: ILO GOVERNING BODY COMMITTEES FINISH THEIR WORK

1. SUMMARY: HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSIONS OF ILO GB COMMITTEES FOLLOW IN PARAS BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (PFAC)

A. COMMITTEE SPENT MORE THAN ONE DAY DISCUSSING DG'S PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF JUNE CONFERENCE DECISIONS TO CUT STAFF. ASIAN GROUP EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT SIZE OF CUTS IN THEIR REGION. FINAL RESULT WAS (1) ACCEPTANCE OF DG'S PROPOSALS IN RETURN FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO CONSIDER ASIAN'S COMMENTS AND ART 9, PARA 2 OF CONSTITUTION CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC DISTRI-BUTION OF PERSONNEL, AND (2) HIS ASSURANCES HE WOULD DONDEVERYTHING P OSSIBLE TO RE-EMPLOY PERSONNEL ELSEWHERE AND IN ALL CASES WOULD FOLLOW STAFF REGULATIONS CONCERNING TERMINATIONS.

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B. IN-DEPTH REVIEWS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT GB

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SESSION, WITH REQUEST THAT WRITTEN COMMENTS BE SUB-
MITTED AHEAD OF TIME SO THAT ILO OFFICE COULD DISTRIBUTE
THEM.

C. SRI LANKA "RESOLUTION" TO HAVE INCREASED SHARE
OF REGULAR BUDGET DEVOTED TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
DEFERRED TO NEXT SESSION. RUSSIAN "RESOLUTION"
URGING BETTER GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF WAS
"NOTED." BOTH "RESOLUTIONS" WERE SUBJECT OF COMMENT
BY SOME WORKER, EMPLOYER AND GOVT REPS WHO QUESTIONED
METHOD OF BRINGING THEM TO PFAC; PARTICULARLY WHEN
WORKERS, EMPLOYERS AND GOVT GROUPS HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY
FOR INPUT.

D. EXPENDITURES PROPOSED FOR SALARY CHANGES UNDER
AGENDA ITEM 16/10 WERE QUESTIONED AS BEING BLANK CHECK
SINCE UNGA DECISION NOT KNOWN, BUT WERE EVENTUALLY
APPROVED WITH AGREEMENT THAT DG WOULD COVER COSTS
"AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE" THRU ECONOMIES ELSEWHERE.

E. INTERIM ADJUSTMENT OF G-LEVEL SALARIES (AGENDA
ITEM 17/9) WAS APPROVED WITH RESERVATIONS OF US, FRG AND
OTHER NOTED (SEE SEPTEL).

3. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE (IOC) -
IOC TOOK NOTE OF AGENDA ITEMS ONE, TWO, FIVE AND
SIX; POSTPONED ITEM FORU (FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN
US SYSTEM); AND APPROVED POINT FOR DECISION IN ITEM
THREE (INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS) WHICH
REQUIRES ILO COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO REPORT TO ECOSOC ANY
INFORMATION WHICH ILO HAS ON OBSERVANCE OF THESE
COVENANTS. DEBATE ON ITEM THREE WAS LENGTHY, WITH WORKERS,
EMPLOYERS AND WESTERN GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING REPORTING
PROCEDURES, WHILE USSR AND HUNGARY OPPOSED (ON GROUNDS
THAT COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS WERE NOT DEFINITIVE AND THAT
REPORTING DIRECTLY TO ECOSOC WOULD BYPASS ILO CONFERENCE).
DURING DEBATE, US WORKER BROWN REFERRED TO IMPORTANCE
OF MAINTAINING INDEPENDENT STATUS OF COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS (USSR HAD SAID ANY REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
THROUGH ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL RATHER THAN BY COMMITTEE
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OF EXPERTS DIRECTLY TO ECOSOC) AND ALSO TO HAVING INVESTI-
GATION CARRIED OUT BEFORE ILO CONFERENCE PASSES
RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING MEMBERS. BROWN STATED THAT PASS-
ING RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT INVESTIGATION OF FACTS THREATENS
WHOLE UN SYSTEM.

4. COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS AND THE APPLICATION
OF CONVENTIONS -

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A. STANDING ORDERS - IN DISCUSSIONS ON ARTICLE 18, USDEL PROPOSED AMENDMENT WHICH COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AT NEXT GB SESSION. ALSO, USDEL SUGGESTED CHANGE IN PROPOSAL TO AMEND GB STANDING ORDERS TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL GB REPORT TO INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (GB 201/SC/7/6); PURPOSE OF US CHANGE, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED IN COMMITTEE, WAS TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR INTERPRETATION OF STANDING ORDERS BY TEHMSELVES, WITHOUT NEED FOR REFERENCE TO OUTSIDE DOCUMENTATION.

B. APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS - THREE CHIEF ACTIONS WERE: (1) ADOPTION BY COMMITTEE OF PROCEDURE FOR SPACING OUT REPORTS ON CONVENTIONS, WITH INITIAL SELECTION OF KEY CONVENTIONS FOR 2-YEAR REPORTING;

(2) SELECTION OF FORCED LABOR AND MIGRANT WORKER CONVENTIONS FOR REPORTING UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF CONSTITUTION TO 1978 AND 1979 CONFERENCES; AND
(E) INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF WORKERS' RESOLUTION CONCERNING MIGRANT WORKERS. (USDEL, SUPPORTED BY RECEIVING EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND EMPLOYERS, OPPOSED RESOLUTION ON GROUNDS THAT ILO IS NOT COMPETENT OR AUTHORIZED BY CONSTITUTION TO CREATE ARBITRATION PROCEDURE. USDEL STATEMENT FOR RECORD THAT FACT OF INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT--UNTIL A CASE MIGHT ARISE--COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS INDICATING COMMITTEE'S ACCEPTANCE OF POSSIBLE VALIDITY OF PROCEDURE, WAS ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE.

5. INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE -

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A. ITEM 1, PROGRAM OF MEETINGS - COMMITTEE AGREED FOLLOWING MEETINGS BE HELD DURING 1978-79 BIENNIUM: (1) TEXTILES, (2) FOOD AND DRINK, (3) RURAL DEVELOPMENT, (4) INLAND TRANSPORT, (5) PETROLEUM, (6) SALARIED EMPLOYEES, (7) IRON AND STEEL, (8) LEATHER AND FOOTWEAR, (9) CLOTHING, PRINTING WILL OCCUR FIRST IN FOLLOWING BIENNIUM. SMALLER MEETINGS IN 78-79 WILL INCLUDE FISHING AND AIR CONTROLLERS; THE REMAINDER TO BE DEICDED LATER.

B. ITEM 2, REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP - CRITERIA FOR REVIEWING APPLICATIONS REMAINED THE SAME; SIZE OF COMMITTEES INCREASED BY THREE EACH IN FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: IRON AND STEEL, CHEMICALS AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES (FOR A TOTAL OF 9 SEATS); AND METHOD OF

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SELECTING SEATS REMAINED THE SAME. SEATS ACQUIRED BY EE COUNTRIES AND CUBA INCREASED FROM 24 TO 30; HOWEVER, ALMOST ALL EE SEATS WERE GOTTEN BY QUALIFYING UNDER STATISTICAL FORMULA USED TO CHOOSE FIRST THIRD OF MEMBERSHIP OF EACH COMMITTEE OR UNDER CONSOLATION RULE, UNDER WHICH EVERY APPLICANT IS ELECTED TO AT LEAST ONE COMMITTEE. FACT THAT NO EE SEATS WERE WON ON FIRST BALLOT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED PREFERENCES OF WORKER AND EMPLOYER GROUPS.

C. ITEMS 3-B, NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

6. OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE - NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3. DURING ITEM 4, USDEL, USING PARA 18 OF GB 201/OP/1/1 AS PLATFORM, SUGGESTED THAT 1977 AGENDA FOCUS ON TRIPARTITE INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION; AND CITED U.S. EXAMINATION AND FINDINGS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA AS BASIS FOR PROPOSAL. USDEL SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVELY THAT DISCUSSION OF FOUR FACTORS (PAGE TWO OF POSITION PAPER) BE CONSIDERED AS AGENDA ITEM.ABRAMS

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